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AT-LARGE WHIP

Dear High School Faculty and Staff,

Each semester, high school students from across the country are selected to live, work, and study in Washington, DC as part of the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program. Since 1827, the Page Program has offered young Americans the chance to learn about the legislative branch of our federal government by experiencing first-hand the day-to-day operations of the United States Congress. The Page Program is a unique and prestigious opportunity for high school students from around the country, and I am pleased to be able to nominate a Page for the Summer 2008 Session.

Pages are employees of the House, and their duties consist primarily of delivering correspondence, legislative material, and small packages within the Congressional Complex. A few Pages are assigned to answer the phones in the Members' Cloakrooms, take messages for Members, call them to the phone if they are in the House Chamber, and prepare for House floor sessions. Others monitor a telephone bank of incoming requests for Page service.

The selected Page must be available to live and work in Washington, DC from Sunday, July 6, 2008 through Saturday, August 1, 2008. Qualified applicants need to be at least sixteen years of age prior to July 6, 2008, have completed the 10th grade and not yet begun the 12th grade, be a citizen of the United States, and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Students interested in applying for the position need to meet the requirements listed above and return a completed application, including an official high school transcript and three letters of recommendation (one from a current teacher), to my office by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2008. For your convenience, I have enclosed an application packet with this letter. You can also find all nomination materials in the Student Resources section of my website, Yarmuth.house.gov. Students selected as Finalists should be available for after school interviews in my Downtown Louisville Office April 1-3, 2008.

I look forward to receiving the applications of your students and nominating a young Louisvillian to participate in this prestigious program. Any questions regarding the Page nomination process should be directed to Elizabeth Sawyer in my Washington office at 202-225-5401 or Elizabeth.Sawyer@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

John Yarmuth
Member of Congress